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Welcome to this month's edition of the Statewide Planning e-Newsletter. Topics in this issue include **Technical** Committee Meeting, **State** Planning Council Meeting, **Transportation** Advisory Committee Meeting, **Draft** Transportation Improvement Program, **Public** Hearings for the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), **The** aging of Rhode Island, **On-line** state property maps, **Cooperative** extension training programs, **2005** Planning Conference, **Planner** Changes, **Position** opening.

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Technical Committee Meeting: *No July meeting.*

The next meeting will be August 5 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Room C on the Second floor of the William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/tech/agenda.htm>

State Planning Council Meeting: *No July meeting.*

The next meeting will be August 11 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room C on the Second floor of the William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/spc/agenda.htm>

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting: July 28 at 6:30 p.m., Rhode Island College, Roberts Hall, Board of Governor's Room, Providence, RI. The agenda will be available 10 days prior to the meeting at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/tac/agenda.htm>

Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2006-2007 is available for public review. This TIP programs more than \$500 million of federal and state transportation funding to various projects and programs including highways, resurfacing, transit, bicycle paths, bridges, and others. Project proposals were submitted by cities and towns, state agencies, and others. Proposals were scored by several subcommittees of the Transportation Advisory Committee as well as the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee and Air Quality Transportation Subcommittee. The program is fiscally constrained and allocates resources to programs in similar proportions as in past years. Comments are now being accepted. Staff contact: Katherine Trapani 222-6479.

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/tip/web.pdf>

Public Hearings for the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be held Thursday, June 30, 2005. The first hearing will be at 1:00 p.m. in the RI Dept. of Administration, Conference Room "A", 2nd floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI. The second hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. as part of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, in the RI Dept. of Environmental Management, Room 300, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI. Please go to the Statewide Planning web site at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/tip/pn1.pdf> for full information.

The aging of Rhode Island. Rhode Island is aging. Population projections released by Statewide Planning and the U.S. Census Bureau confirm the obvious eventuality that time will inflict on the baby-boom generation. Within the next quarter century, Rhode Island will witness an astounding 53 percent increase in its elderly (65+) population. Conversely, the under 65 population will increase by a mere 1 percent.

Data from the 2000 Census tells us that persons 65 and older represent 14.5 percent of the state's total population, approximately one in every seven people. By 2030, the elderly will represent more than 20 percent, or one in every five people. Although statistics define the elderly as representing a slightly lower proportion of the U.S. population, the one in five ratio also applies nationally.

The aging of Rhode Island is only a small part of the aging of America. Within the next five years, Rhode Island's ranking in percentage of elderly will decline from 6th place in 2000 to 15th in 2010, and will continue to decline to place 18th by the year 2030.

In 2000, the Census Bureau pegged Rhode Island' median age at 36.7 yrs, slightly higher than the national median of 35.3 years. The increase in the number and percentage of persons over 65 will have a direct effect on the state's median age. By 2030, Rhode Island's median age will be 40.7 years; 39.0 years nationally.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

On-line state property maps. The State of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the availability of-line state property maps. The Providence Plan worked under contract to the Department of Administration to precisely map more than 1000 state buildings and more than 23,000 acres of land. The mapping application allows a user to zoom to a building or property-- guided city outlines, then as one gets closer, a map showing major state campuses and, closer still, aerial photography. Building information can be displayed and cut and pasted for other uses.

The Steering Committee would like to invite everyone to a meeting describing the possibilities with, and limitations to the maps. They are actively seeking both input and support for the next phase of this project. The meeting is: Monday, June 27, 2005, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Health Department Auditorium (lower floor), Two Capitol Hill, Providence. Please RSVP to Sally at Sally@planning.state.ri.us

The website is available to preview at: www.provplan.org/stateprop (however the site be undergoing construction this week). Please feel free to browse the site and get back to Sally with questions or comments (or compliments).

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Cooperative extension training programs including:

*** [ArcView -ArcGIS Training](#) (August 2 -4);

*** [GIS Courses in NRS](#);

*** [Rhode Island Geospatial Extension Program](#);

***Science, management and regulation of water resources for local officials and community leaders;

***Demonstration and field training center for conventional and alternative septic system technologies;

***Residential pollution prevention programs, including drinking water protection, septic system operation and maintenance, and landscaping for water protection;

are all available through the URI Cooperative extension. Check out their web site at <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wg> for links to specific training, areas, and programs. There are also links to Special Initiatives, Research; and links to contacts, a calendar, and to state and federal agencies.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

2005 Planning Conference will be held November 9 and 10 in Newport at the Hyatt Regency. The theme of the conference ""Building Bridges"" aims to strengthen the connections between the profession's practioners and their shared experiences. Additional information is available on the RIAPA web site at <http://www.riapa.org/>.

PLANNER CHANGES

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Jon Reiner has moved from planning director in Richmond to planning director in N. Kingstown. He can be reached at 401.268.1570 Ext 310 or at JReiner@northkingstown.org.

POSITION OPENING

The Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, a regional municipal planning agency for the communities of Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth RI, is seeking a full time Land Use Planner. The planner will be responsible for coordination and implementation of technical assistance projects supported by the AIPC. These projects include creating and managing an island-wide GIS database, providing TransCAD support for transportation projects, technical support for West Side Master Plan implementation projects, municipal training and other AIPC initiatives as needed. The position offers a unique opportunity to work creatively on a regional basis.

Requirements: Candidates must have an undergraduate degree, (preferably a graduate degree), in land use planning. Proficiency in GIS and TransCAD is desired. Experience should include familiarity with the functions and operations of municipal, state and federal government. Effective writing, editing and design for a variety of products including brochures, pamphlets, reports, mapping, etc.

The position is initially a one to two year position. Salary range is \$35,000 to \$40,000 based on qualifications and experience. The position offers healthcare coverage, paid holidays, vacation and personal days.

Full position description available by email. Please send cover letter and resume no later than July 15 to: Tina Dolen, Executive Director, Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, tina@aquidneckplanning.org

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